

# Prohibited Articles at Sandia



Per Sandia National Laboratories Policy SS007, *Controlled and Prohibited Articles Policy*, you must **not** possess personally-owned **prohibited articles** on **Sandia-controlled premises** - this includes parking lots and leased facilities. All individuals entering or leaving Sandia-controlled premises are subject to a **vehicle and package search**.

## What is a Prohibited Article?

A prohibited article is an item **administratively restricted** from being introduced onto **Sandia-controlled premises**. Examples include, **but are not limited to**:

- Explosives
- Dangerous weapons
- Instruments or material likely to produce **substantial injury** to persons or **damage** to persons or property
- Hazardous materials, which include, but are not limited to:
  - Radiological substances or chemicals in a form or quantity that would create an event or release a footprint greater than 30 m.
  - Safety Level 3 and 4 Biological materials
- Alcohol
- Any other item prohibited by law (e.g., **illegal drugs and associated paraphernalia**)

## What is a Sandia-controlled premises?

A Sandia-controlled premises is any real property, including **parking areas** or buildings (or portions thereof) **owned, leased** or **withdrawn** by or permitted to DOE and designated for **Sandia National Laboratories**.

This means restrictions also apply to **all Sandia parking lots and leased facilities**.

## Are there any exceptions?

Some common articles that would otherwise be prohibited **are allowed** on Sandia-controlled premises if they meet specific criteria:

- **Alcohol:** Alcoholic beverages may be **temporarily** stored in **unopened**, sealed containers in a locked, **personally owned vehicle**.
- **Knives:** Personal pocket and utility knives (e.g., Leatherman tools, Swiss army knives) are allowed if the included knife blades are **less than 2.5 inches** (per 18 USC 930). Knives intended for food preparation are allowed regardless of blade length. Dangerous weapon' knives (e.g. switchblades, hunting knives) are prohibited.

**Note:** *Personal chemical protection sprays (e.g., pepper spray, mace) are **prohibited**.*

## I am authorized/licensed to carry a concealed firearm. Can I carry on Sandia-controlled premises?

**No.** Personally-owned firearms are not permitted on Sandia-controlled premises.

## Is 'item' a prohibited article?

The broad definition of prohibited articles includes 'dangerous weapons', 'instruments likely to produce injury', and items 'prohibited by law'. Some additional items that are prohibited articles include, but **are not limited to**:

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| • Firearms  | • Fireworks                             |
| • Chemical protection sprays (e.g., pepper spray) | • Bows (e.g., crossbows, compound bows) |
| • Air guns  | • Collapsible batons (e.g., Asps)       |
| • Cannabis and related paraphernalia              | • Stun guns (e.g., Tasers)              |

**NOTE:** These policies are **ONLY APPLICABLE** to **Sandia National Laboratories**. If accessing other locations (e.g., **Kirtland AFB in SNL/NM, LLNL in SNL/CA**, or **any other DOE sites**), **additional restrictions may apply**.



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